

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A rotationally driven cutting tool for the fine machining of workpieces, in which at least one cutting insert is fastened detachably in a pocket of a blade bearer in that it is clamped flatly against a base surface of the pocket, whereby for the adjustment of a blade there is allocated to the cutting insert a fine adjustment device with which, with the aid of an adjusting screw arrangement, an adjusting element that is supported on a lateral wall of the cutting insert can be adjusted relative to the cutting insert, characterized in that the adjusting screw arrangement comprises a threaded sleeve that is held with play in a smooth through opening having a ~~narrow point~~constriction and comprises a screw part standing in functional engagement therewith, ~~that stands in a chain of pressure force with the adjusting element, the~~screw part operationally engaged with the adjusting element for securing a position of the
adjusting element relative to the cutting insert, whereby the adjusting screw arrangement is placed into the through opening from the side facing the base surface, and can be actuated from the other side through the ~~narrow point~~constriction.

Claim 2. (original) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the narrow point has an inner width (WL) that is smaller than the outer diameter of the threaded sleeve, and in that the screw part of the adjusting screw arrangement is formed by a screw bolt whose threaded segment goes over via a step into a preferably wedge-shaped beveled head that forms the adjusting element.

Claim 3. (original) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the screw part is formed by a screw bolt that is engaged with the threaded sleeve that is held in essentially rotationally secure fashion in the through opening, the threaded segment of said bolt going over into a cylindrical pin segment that engages, with a degree of play, in a blind opening of an adjusting body that is preferably laterally beveled and that forms the adjusting element.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 3, characterized in that the ~~narrow point~~constriction has an inner width (WL*) that is smaller than the outer diameter of the screw bolt.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the adjusting element is seated flatly on the lateral wall of the cutting insert.

Claim 6. (previously presented) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the adjusting element on the side facing the cutting insert is supported largely flatly on an inner wall of the through opening.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the cutting insert is ~~formed by an indexable insert~~, and the adjusting element is supported on a flank of the cutting insert.

Claim 8. (previously presented) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the pocket that accepts the cutting insert has two supporting walls which together enclose an angle that corresponds to a corner angle (EW) of the cutting insert.

Claim 9. (previously presented) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the through opening in the blade bearer has an extension along an axis that is placed at an angle (WA) to the base surface of the pocket of the blade bearer.

Claim 10. (original) The tool as recited in Claim 9, characterized in that the through opening is formed by an essentially cylindrical opening.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~narrow point~~ constriction in the through opening is formed by a material shoulder.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the blade bearer is formed ~~by~~ of at least one of a hard material, preferably a sintered material, ~~such as for example a hard metal, or a~~ Cermet material.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 12, characterized in that ~~as the~~ the hard material is further defined as at least one of a carbide, a nitride, a boride, ~~or a non-metallic hard material, or hard material system is chosen, such as are known for example in the form of mixed carbides, carbon nitrides, carbide-boride combinations, or as mixed ceramics, and~~ or nitrides ceramics.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the inner winding of the threaded sleeve has a size in the range from M.08 to M16, ~~preferably from M1.2 to M16~~.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of selected functional surfaces of the tool that are exposed to increased wear, ~~such as for example the cutting insert, and/or the fine adjustment device~~ are is provided with a coating.

Claim 16. (original) The tool as recited in Claim 15, characterized in that the coating is realized as a hard material layer.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 16, characterized in that the hard material layer is made of at least one of diamond, preferably nanocrystalline diamond, of TiN_x or of $(Ti,Al)N$, of a multilayer coating, or of a layer made up of nitrides having metal components Cr, Ti, and Al; ~~and preferably having a layer made up of nitrides having metal components with~~ a low portion of elements for grain refinement, whereby the Cr portion is from 30% to 65 %, preferably 30 to 60 %, and particularly preferably 40 to 60 %, the Al portion is from 15% to 35 %, preferably 17 to 25 %, and the Ti portion is from 16% to 40 %, preferably 16 to 35 %, and particularly preferably 24 to 35 %, with respect to all metal atoms in the overall layer.

Claim 18. (original) The tool as recited in Claim 17, characterized in that the construction of the overall layer is made of a homogenous mixed phase.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 17, characterized in that the construction of the overall layer is made up of a plurality of individual layers that are homogenous in themselves and formed from at least one of; ~~made up alternately of, on the one hand, $(Ti_xAl_yY_z)N$ with $x = 0.38$ to 0.5 , $y = 0.48$ to 0.6 , and $z = 0$ to 0.04 , and on the other hand of CrN , whereby the uppermost layer of the anti-wear protective layer is preferably formed by the CrN layer~~ a balanced mixture having 38%-50% Ti, 48%-60% Al, 0%-4% Y.N. and CrN.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the cutting insert is formed by a DIN/ISO ~~indexable-insert~~ that is indexable.

Claim 21. (currently amended) The tool as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the cutting insert is made of at least one of a hard and/or material, a wear-resistant material, such as for example a hard metal (HM) material, a polycrystalline diamond (PKD) material, a cubic boron nitride (CBN) material, a Cermet material, or a ceramic material, ~~or another hard material.~~

Claim 22. (new) The tool as recited in claim 1 wherein the screw part is held in compression relative of the adjusting element to allow translation of the cutting insert upon translation of the adjusting element.